

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3081.117US01

LINDE et al.

Application No.: *Not Yet Assigned*

Filed: *Concurrently Herewith*

For: PRODUCTION OF STRUCTURED HARD CHROME LAYERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

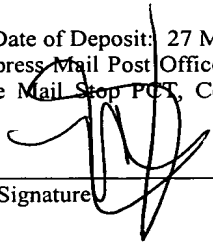
- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- C. Remarks

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